## Press Release

## **HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Department of Community Services



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County Citizens"

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## **Department of Community Services Promotes 'Car Free Days'**

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Community Services' Commuter Assistance Program promotes the annual "Car Free Days." It will be held Friday, September 20 through Sunday, September 22. The event encourages people to reduce driving and avoid trips by car.

"We are excited to give area residents this year the opportunity to participate on a weekday as well as the weekend," said Alan Doran with the Department of Community Services.

Participants are encouraged to park their cars and choose another form of transportation to reduce trips. Car Free Days promote improved air quality and reduce traffic congestion among other benefits. Events like Car Free Days raise awareness of the availability of cleaner and more efficient transportation modes.

Approximately 1,500 cities nationwide will celebrate Car Free Days by promoting other travel modes including: walking, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling or using mass transit. Residents are encouraged to carpool with others or minimize trips when mass transit is not available.

Folks who wish to participate in the Car Free Days celebration or to learn more about the event can visit <a href="www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter/">www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter/</a>. Residents who pledge to go car free will be entered to win one of many prizes.

Students at Harford Community College can ride the Harford Transit Link system free on Friday, September 20. Passes are available through Harford Commuter Assistance Rideshare or by visiting the Student Life Office at Harford Community College. More information about commuting options, services and signing up for the Guaranteed Ride Home is also available online.

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